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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-92

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Unilever Issues Nationwide Allergy Alert on Undeclared Sulfites in Certain Shedd's Country Crock® Chilled Side-Dish Products

Englewood Cliffs, NJ - Unilever United States, Inc., of Englewood Cliffs, NJ, in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is voluntarily recalling certain **Shedd's Country Crock® chilled side-dish** products because they may contain undeclared sulfites. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

To date, the company has received one report of four family members who had adverse reactions associated with this product.

The product was distributed in retail stores nationwide.

The recall was initiated after the company was notified by the co-manufacturer of the product that an ingredient containing sulfites was inadvertently used in the production of the chilled side-dish products. This issue has been addressed and safeguards have been put into place.

Product description:

Shedd's Country Crock® Side Dishes DELUXE Cheddar Broccoli Rice, with Best-By dates of NOV 29 09 through to **JAN 16 10**. The UPC code is **027400218316**.

The product comes in a 21-ounce (1 LB 5 OZ / 595 g) plastic tub inside a paperboard sleeve. Shedd's Country Crock® Side Dishes DELUXE Four Cheese Pasta, with Best By dates of DEC 05 09 through to **JAN 16 10**. The UPC code is **027400230875**.

The product comes in a 20-ounce (1 LB 4 OZ / 567 g) plastic tub inside a paperboard sleeve. The UPC code is located on the bottom of the sleeve and the Best-By date is located on the same side of the sleeve and the side of the tub.

In addition to working in cooperation with the FDA, the company is also issuing an alert through the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network.

No other Shedd's Country Crock® chilled side-dish products are affected by this recall.

Consumers who have purchased the Shedd's Country Crock® chilled side-dish products are urged to discard them immediately and contact the company at **1-800-457-7086** for a full refund. The Consumer Services Center is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM ET. A recorded message is available 24/7.